

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY



Councilmember Chu and community leaders at the Advanced Water Treatment Facility Groundbreaking Ceremony.



CM Chu with the Mayor, CM Kalra, Fire Chief McDonald and Dave Sykes at the Firestation 19 Grand Opening.



North Valley Community Association hosts a Dumpster Day in District 4.

Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

Happy Holidays District 4! In the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to wish each of you a peaceful and joyous time to celebrate with family and friends and much happiness in the coming New Year! 2010 has been a very busy year for all of us, whether it be working, volunteering, contributing to the community; we are all very fortunate

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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
FROM
COUNCILMEMBER
KANSEN CHU
AND YOUR
DISTRICT 4
STAFF**



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PHOTOS FROM FIRESTATION 19 GRAND OPENING



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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER

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The City of San José and non-profit organizations work together during the holiday season, as well as throughout the year, to give back and brighten the lives of people in our community. In addition, San Jose schools do their share by organizing their own holiday drives. I wish to thank and commend the residents who work behind the scenes in our community and make the holiday season brighter for the many who receive the benefit of their efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are many opportunities right in our backyard, whether it is with Santa Visits Alviso, North Valley Community Association's Holiday Season event at the Berryessa Library, or even spending time at the local food banks, you can make a difference in making someone's holiday a joyous celebration. Please contact my office to see how you can help.

In addition, I ask you for your assistance to help me and the City Council understand your priorities by sharing with us your thoughts on how we should create a balanced budget that addresses the fundamental issues of our City, while remaining fiscally responsible. If you would like to share ideas about ways the city can save money or generate revenue, please email me at district4@sanjoseca.gov.

Best Regards,
Kansen





Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group
Meets every 1st Thursday at
6PM at Alviso Library
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce
Meets every 2nd Tuesday
at 6PM at the
Alviso Library
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

**Berryessa Citizens
Advisory Council**
Meets every 2nd Monday
at 7PM at the
Berryessa Community Ctr
Contact: Marc Liebman
marc.liebman@busd.net

**North Valley
Community Association**
Meets every 3rd Monday at
7PM at the Berryessa Li-
brary
Contact: Chris Zhou
czhou911@yahoo.com

**River Oaks
Neighborhood Association**
Meets every odd month
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park
Neighborhood Association**
Meets twice yearly
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

BUDGET PLANNING MEETING UPDATE



On Thursday, November 18, 2010, the City Council held a special council meeting to begin discussion on the organization and budget planning for 2011-2012. Topics for discussion included organizational downsizing and aligning workload to capacity in

addition to potential strategies to address the preliminary 2011-2012 general fund shortfall.

The City Council agreed to continue prior direction from earlier this year for a 10% total compensation reduction for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. As opposed to one-time reductions as discussed in March 2010, the direction was modified to be 10% ongoing and to roll back any general wage increases received in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. In addition, direction was given to include the City Auditor's recommendations for healthcare cost containment to increase cost sharing, increase co-pays, reduce health and dental-in-lieu, and eliminate dual coverage. In addition to the 10% total compensation reduction, the City Council is looking to achieve additional reforms to address retirement (pension and retiree healthcare), sick leave payout, and compensation structure. Staff has been directed to continue their analysis of options for a 2nd Tier retirement program and to return to Council with recommendations in early 2011.

The City of San Jose continues to face significant fiscal challenges. After nine straight years of budget reductions, there are no easy solutions left. While the coming year's \$70 million projected deficit is less than last year's, the available solutions are fewer. With a deficit as large as the one we currently face, the range of budget reduction and elimination proposals will unfortunately be broader than those we have seen in the past. Every department is looking at significant cost reductions that will likely have a noticeable impact. Currently, in order to close the preliminary General Fund shortfall, targets for non-public safety departments may range between 12% to 28% and for public safety departments between 5% and 12%.

Throughout the next several months, budget conversations will be happening in many different forums as the City Council, community members, and other stakeholders debate proposals. This special council meeting was the first of many more discussions to come. If you would like to share ideas about ways the city can save money or generate revenue, please email me at district4@sanjoseca.gov.



PHOTOS FROM THE DISTRICT



Councilmember Chu and Llicardo present a proclamation to FAHNS for Filipino American History Month.



VOVINAM lion dancers kick off the Day on the Bay festivities at the Alviso Marina.



North Valley Community Association members hard at work at the NVCA Dumpster Day.



A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH COMMISSIONER

The first half of the fiscal year is coming to an end, but the San José Youth Commission has been pushing forward with many new projects. For the first time ever, the Youth Commission established working teams on Budget, Public Relations and the Bill of Responsibilities. These subcommittees will focus on current programs such as the Community Reuse program, organize events for past and present commissioners, and creating a Youth Responsibilities document. With these different subcommittees, we hope to continue to encourage San José youth to become active participants in our community.

As for our District 4 Youth Advisory Council, we have also been planning various ideas. We participated in the YAC Training in November and with the new skills provided, the YAC will be able to exhibit more leadership skills and share information. Also, we will be assisting in the annual Breakfast with Santa on December 11th. We have a lot of new ideas on our plate and hope to bring them to the community!

Are you or do you know any students between the ages of 14-21 living in District 4 and would like to voice their opinions and help the community? Join the District 4 Youth Advisory Committee! We meet every third Tuesday of the month at the Berryessa Community Center from 4:30-5:30PM. Please feel free to contact me at d4youthcommission@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful Holiday season, District 4! -Kasey Ong, District 4 Youth Commissioner



District 4's Youth Advisory Commission decorated this year's District Christmas tree at Christmas in the Park.



District 4's Youth Advisory Commission volunteered to prepare breakfast at last year's Breakfast with Santa event.



DISTRICT 4 DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

BERRYESSA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

One of my promises when I was elected to City Council was to establish a business association to meet the needs of business owners in the district and create an opportunity for our owners to have a platform to improving businesses in our community, attract new businesses, and create a friendly and attractive area for businesses to grow. I have been working alongside Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council to establish the first Business Association in the Berryessa/Northside area. The Berryessa Business Association will provide a forum to network and build relationships with existing merchants in the community and provide opportunities for business owners to work with stakeholders to become more competitive.

If you are a business owner in the District and are interested in hearing more about the association and meet fellow business owners, there will be a **breakfast kick-off event on Thursday, December 9, from 10am-11:30am at Denny's Restaurant on 2482 Berryessa Road**. Please contact my staff, Anh Tran, at 535-4904 or email anh.tran@sanjoseca.gov for more information.

NORTH SAN JOSE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

North San José plays a vital role in San José's economy. It continues to be the prominent location for the world's driving industries and continues to grow. As part of the North San José 2030 plan, the City is committed to the thriving employment lands and creating housing, jobs, and community essentials.

Since the economy bust, it has been a difficult task to maintain the North San José 2030 goals. However, with extensive collaboration among city staff, redevelopment staff, residents and developers, there are now projects that are moving forward. Brocade Communications opened their new home off of North First Street and Target just opened their doors in September. South of Target, a retail village including a hotel has begun construction and is scheduled to finish in 2012. You may have also noticed the old Sony building being demolished on Zanker and River Oaks Parkway. The first of many housing projects will be built here and plans for a residential community with approximately 1,900 units. There should be more information in the coming months and I will be updating you as I receive information.



SAN JOSE/SANTA CLARA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT Plant Master Plan Update

The City of San José is leading the Plant Master Plan effort to benefit residents and businesses that daily rely on the Plant to manage their wastewater. At the November 18th meeting, the Plant Master Plan Community Advisory Group was presented a Draft Recommended Land Use Alternative. It was exciting to see what has come together since the beginning during 2008 where Data Analysis and Brainstorming was just taking place among the Plant Master Plan Advisory Group. The Draft Recommended Land Use Alternative identifies the future footprint of the plant that will offer dependable wastewater treatment service for the next 30 years. It will allow for 300 acres of cleantech, environmentally sustainable development and will re-establish a connection between Coyote Creek and the Bay. The Draft Report also proposes to create over 1,200 acres of protected habitat and will provide flexible space for future recreational opportunities.

For more information on the Draft Recommended Land Use Alternative go online to www.rebuildtheplant.org website where you will find dates for upcoming community workshops where a presentation on the draft will be shown to the community; come and share your thoughts with staff who will be present to receive feedback. Additionally, you can also call Environmental Services Department at (408) 535-8550 for more information.



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, District Director

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FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Parks & Recreation, Budget, Personnel, Youth, Internship Coordination, Web Content, & Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services & Education; Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support.



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COMMITTEES

Transportation & Environment



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FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, and Event Planning

COMMITTEES

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FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Transportation, Housing, Environment, Mobilehome Communities, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Watch, and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

VTa Policy Advisory Committee, Silicon Valley Anti-Litter Campaign, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, Recycled Water Commission



DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

DECEMBER

5 SAN JOSE HOLIDAY PARADE
International Award Winning
Parade Starts at 8:30AM
Along Market Street

9 BERRYESSA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION KICK-OFF
10:00AM-11:30AM
Denny's Restaurant
2482 Berryessa Road

9 BART SILICON VALLEY SEIR PRESENTATION
Community Meeting
6:00PM-7:30PM
Milpitas Senior Center
510 S. Abel Street, Milpitas

11 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
9:00AM-11:00AM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road
\$8 per adult
\$5 per child
Under 1 year old free

11 27TH ANNUAL SANTA VISITS ALVISO
12:00PM-3:00PM
George Mayne Elementary & Alviso Youth Center
5040 North First Street

11 HOLIDAY SEASON IN BERRYESSA
12:00PM-4:00PM
Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue

14 DISTRICT 4 SKATE NIGHT
5:00PM-10:00PM
Circle of Palms
Between Fairmont Hotel and SJ Museum of Art
Show your ID and BUY ONE GET ONE ADMISSION FREE

25 CHRISTMAS DAY
City Closed

NOTE: City Hall will be closed between December 20-January 2. City Hall Customer Service Lines will still be open to take calls at 535-3500

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY

12 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS
6:00PM-8:00PM
Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue
Please call (408) 535-4904 to schedule a 15 appointment.

17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
City Hall Closed



19 PLANT MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
6:00PM-8:00PM
George Mayne Elementary
5030 North First Street

29 CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Neighborhood Association and Youth Commission Priority Setting
10:00AM-12:00PM
San José City Hall Council Chambers
200 E. Santa Clara Street



Councilmember Chu participates in this year's Veteran's Day Parade in San José.



Councilmember Chu presents a commendation to Target located on North First Street on its Opening Day.



Councilmember Chu and wife Daisy attend the First Annual West Coast Disability Pride Parade and Festival in North San José.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org

Celebrating 25 Years

Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



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